

MEET THE STAFF



Irving Recreation Center

FUNDamental Healthy Me – Summer Day Camp 2013



Beth, K-2 Camp Director | Beth recently graduated from UNL where she majored in Special Education. In her free time she enjoys drawing and watching movies. Her favorite snack is pickles with nacho cheese. This is Beth's third year working at Irving Day Camp, and she is looking forward to getting to know everyone and having a great summer!



Alexa, K-2 Leader | Alexa is a certified teacher who is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology at UNL. She was a paraeducator at Beattie Elementary School this past year and this is her third summer with Irving Day Camp. Alexa is looking forward to all the fun activities planned for the summer and meeting all of our new young campers!



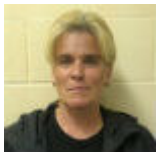
Ryan, K-2 Leader | Ryan is currently an Education major at UNL. His past experience with children includes youth basketball camps, youth basketball coaching, and tutoring elementary students. This is Ryan's second summer with Irving K-2 Day Camp. In his free time he likes to go fishing, swimming, and playing basketball!



Sarah, K-2 Leader | Sarah recently finished her sophomore year at UNL where she is studying to become an elementary school teacher. She has volunteered at Elliott Elementary School as a City Impact tutor. Sarah enjoys running, cooking, and being outside. Sarah has five brothers and sisters and this is her second summer at Irving Rec. Center



Tracy, K-2 Leader | Tracy is a motivated junior at UNL majoring in Pre-Health. She has experience working with children and families at Lincoln Parks and Recreation's Ager Play Center, and this is her first year as a Summer Day Camp Leader. She values athletics, especially baseball and football. Tracy is looking forward to having a fun summer and working with Irving Day Camp families.



Sondra, K-2 AmeriCorps Member | Sondra studied environmental and conservation sciences at Stratton College in Stratton, PA. She is currently working on a Master's Degree in Business and Botany at UNL and hopes to eventually serve with the Peace Corps teaching youth in underdeveloped countries about sustainable agriculture. Sondra has been an AmeriCorps member at Lincoln Parks and Recreation for three years and has worked with youth in nutrition, health, fitness, and education. In her free time she enjoys biking, hiking, rafting, and camping. Sondra is a mother of two.



Melissa, 3-4 Camp Director | Melissa has worked for Lincoln Parks and Recreation for 13 years, and this is her 9th summer as a Camp Director at Irving Rec. Center! During the school year she teaches Special Education at Zeman Elementary School. She holds a dual Elementary Education and Special Education degree from UNL. Melissa enjoys spending time with her family and two Yorkie puppies. She also loves to run, teach dance, and water ski. Melissa also coaches the Lincoln Shooting Starts Special Olympics volleyball team.



Cole, 3-4 Leader | Cole is a student at UNL and is majoring in Biological Systems Engineering. He volunteers with the Nebraska Human Resources Institute and at City Impact where he spends his time reading with children. In the summer Cole goes fishing and enjoys playing basketball.



Kayla, 3-4 Leader | Kayla is an Elementary Education major at UNL who will be student teaching at Clinton Elementary School in the fall. Kayla also works at the UNL's Children's Center and enjoys running and travelling.



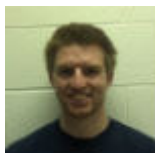
MacKenzie, 3-4 Leader | MacKenzie is majoring in Elementary Education and Special Education with an English Language Learner (ELL) endorsement at Nebraska Wesleyan University. She plays volleyball at Wesleyan, and her past experience with children involves coaching club volleyball, volunteering with the LPS Indian Education Program, and nannying. In her free time she likes to play sand volleyball and hanging out with her friends. MacKenzie was an Irving Day Camper when she was a child!



Trey, 3-4 Leader | Trey was an Irving Middle School student and some of his best memories from middle school happened at the rec. center. He went on to graduate from Lincoln Southeast High school and now plays football at UNL where he is studying marketing and economics. Trey loves to play games of all sorts.



Scott, 3-4 AmeriCorps Member | Scott is a senior at UNL with a major in Communications. This will be his first year at summer day camp via AmeriCorps. He is passionate about community development and youth mentorship programs. Other interests include classic literature, music, bicycle repair, and sustainability. He's looking forward to the day camp experience and is hoping to be paid in the form of produce from the camp garden towards the end of summer!



Patrick, 5-7 Camp Director | Patrick is currently a graduate student at Hastings College and is working on a Master's Degree in Secondary Language Arts Education. He is originally from Omaha and is a huge fan of movies, art, and theatre. This is Patrick's third year with Irving's 5-7 Day Camp. He hopes everyone is ready to have some fun in the sun and learn a thing or two along the way.



Audrea, 5-7 Leader | Audrea is currently studying Applied Human and Sports Physiology at Wayne State College and plans to become a pediatric Occupational Therapist. She is a graduate of Palmyra High School and has coached softball camps for girls. In her free time she likes to fish, camp, play softball, and spend time with friends and family.



Hannah, 5-7 Leader | Hannah will graduate from UNL in December with a degree in Public Relations and Spanish. She has been a nanny for many families and comes to us with three years' experience as the head school age teacher at a local child care center. Hannah loves music and volleyball and is looking forward to a fun summer!



Jackson, 5-7 Leader | Jackson is a senior Secondary Education major at UNL. This is first year working Irving Day Camp, but he was an Irving Aardvark in middle school! Jackson previously worked at Camp Friendship (a summer program for children with disabilities) and is also currently employed as a middle school youth group leader at his church. Jackson is stoked for the opportunity to work with youth at Irving Day Camp!



Michael, 5-7 Leader | Michael recently graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a degree in Secondary Education. He has signed a teaching contract with Lincoln Public Schools and will begin teaching at Park Middle School in the fall. In his free time, Michael likes to play tennis and run. He's excited for a great summer at Irving Rec. Center!



Logan, 5-7 AmeriCorps Member | Logan is a recent college graduate and is providing national service as an AmeriCorps member. He is active in sports, community service, and higher education. Logan's interests include gardening, cooking, physical fitness, and meeting new and interesting people.



Dan, Center Director | Dan is responsible for all aspects of Irving Recreation Center operations. He has a Master's Degree in Child, Youth, and Family Studies, is a certified teacher, and is a National Recreation and Park Association Certified Park and Recreation Professional. Dan lives in a little old house with his wife, son, two dogs, and cat. When he has time to spare he likes to get outdoors to enjoy Lincoln's parks with his family, reading, gardening, and working around the house.



Kara, Office Assistant | Kara assists with program registration, billings, child care subsidies, reports, and everything else it takes to keep the Irving Rec. Center office running! She divides her time between several Parks and Rec. locations and is available at Irving weekday mornings. She has an Associate's Degree in Human Services and is married with two kids. Kara is also an Irving Day Camp parent!